

REMARKS

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, entry of the foregoing, and consideration of the above amendments are respectfully requested.

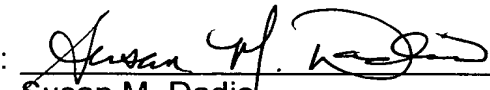
By the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to insert a substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing. This substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing is to replace the original paper copy of the Sequence Listing inserted by the Preliminary Amendment filed on March 4, 2004. Additionally, by the present amendment, the abstract has been replaced so as to be in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. No new matter has been added.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 836-6620 concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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